

**Council on Postsecondary Education
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Education Cabinet P-16 Joint Budget Request

The Council on Postsecondary Education, the Education Professional Standards Board, and the Kentucky Department of Education, under the leadership of the Governor's Education Cabinet, for the first time have developed a joint budget request that will contribute to higher levels of education attainment for all Kentuckians and make Kentucky education systems more accessible, affordable, and accountable. This proposal identifies four related areas where the agencies can jointly achieve goals none could accomplish alone.

- **Seamless P-16 data warehouse** - To improve our ability to track student progress and increase success across the entire education system (\$3 million total, biennium).
- **Integrated Learning Systems** - To support integration of the various virtual education entities in the state (e.g., the Kentucky Virtual University, Virtual High School, Virtual Adult Education, Kentucky Educational Television, Kentucky Educators) on common technology platforms with integrated programming strategies that will increase their reach and efficiency (\$4.2 million total, biennium).
- **Shared Infrastructure** - To support the creation of a shared, high capacity technology infrastructure that allows the agencies to collaboratively better deliver cutting edge education programs and information across the state to P-12 schools, adult learning centers, workforce centers, and universities. This infrastructure support provides a foundation for the first two initiatives (\$30.9 million total, biennium).
- **Local P-16 Councils** - Recurring funding for the network of local P-16 councils across the state. Enhanced funding of local councils will support an infrastructure to drive P-16 initiatives at the community level and take advantage of the improved data and education programs provided by the other initiatives in the request (\$2.7 million total, biennium).